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Transportation Committee, M-DOT/ I-94 interchange

I do appreciate the opportunity to address this committee regarding the Five-year Plan about to be discussed. Unfortunately as I had explained to Phil Pavlov I am unable to attend the April 7th. meeting. I had planned on being there, but when the date had to be changed I had a conflict. As Supervisor of China Township I will be attending a seminar for Township Supervisors and as a member of the Board of Directors I must be present.

My most urgent concern is that something needs to be done to relieve the conjestion at 26-Mile Road, as dangerous as that is! I also know the importance of having a Road Plan, as we as a Township have as well, a 5-year Master Plan for the county roads that fall in our Township.

There is a definite need for another I-94 interchange! I understand, as of this writing, that Meisner Road is the favored location. Be that as it may, if you feel land enough can be acquired to accommodate the on-off access.... however, if land acquisition is unattainable or unaffordable you could consider looking at something more north, perhaps Church Road, as an alternative.

China Township is always interested in safety. Marine City Highway (26 Mile Road) is anything but safe. Lives are lost there almost on a monthly basis, if not more frequently. That is a tragedy!

As our Road Plan suggests, China Township is in the process of paving two miles of Starville Road this season. This two miles lies north from Marine City Highway to Meisner Road. This will certainly open up our Township and provide for some of the traffic to be diverted from 26-Mile Road to Meisner. I appreciate you listening to our concerns.

Sincerely, Evil & Schull
Linda Schweihofer/China Township Supervisor